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GREENLAND

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1. TODAY'S COPENHAGEN NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT A
27-YEAR OLD DANISH WOMAN, WHO WAS LAST SEEN ON
JULY 22 AT THULE AIR BASE, GREENLAND, IS MISSING
AND PRESUMED DEAD. THE WOMAN, JYTTE REFSGAARD,
WAS EMPLOYED AS A KEY-PUNCH OPERATOR IN THE DANISH
BRANCH OF ITT STANDARD ELECTRIC, LOCATED AT THULE.
THREE WITNESSES SAW MS. REFSGAARD ENTER A LATE
MODEL BLUE CAR WITH U.S. AIR FORCE LICENSE PLATES
THE MORING OF JULY 22.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, TWO INSPECTORS FROM
THE "TRAVELING SECTION" OF THE DANISH POLICE
DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SENT TO GREENLAND TO CONDUCT
AN INVESTIGATION. AN INVESTIGATION IS ALSO BEING
UNDERTAKEN IN DENMARK SINCE MS. REFSGAARD LIVED IN
VALBY, DENMARK JUST PRIOR TO BEING TRANSFERRED TO
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GREENLAND AROUND FOUR MONTHS AGO. THE POLICE
LIEUTENANT CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION IN DENMARK
IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "SINCE JYTTE REFSGAARD HAS
BEEN A HAPPY AND SENSIBLE YOUNG WOMAN, WE CAN ELIMI-
NATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE DISAPPEARED IN A
DEPRESSED STATE; AND SINCE THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE
ON THE BASE ARE MEN -- DESPITE THE FACT THAT RECENTLY

MORE WOMEN HAVE BEEN APPEARING -- IT IS MOST PROBABLE
THAT A SEXUAL CRIME IS INVOLVED". END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. NO U.S. MISSION ELEMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY
DANISH AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER. WE KNOW THAT THULE
WILL KEEP US AND WASHINGTON INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOP-
MENTS IN GREENLAND.
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